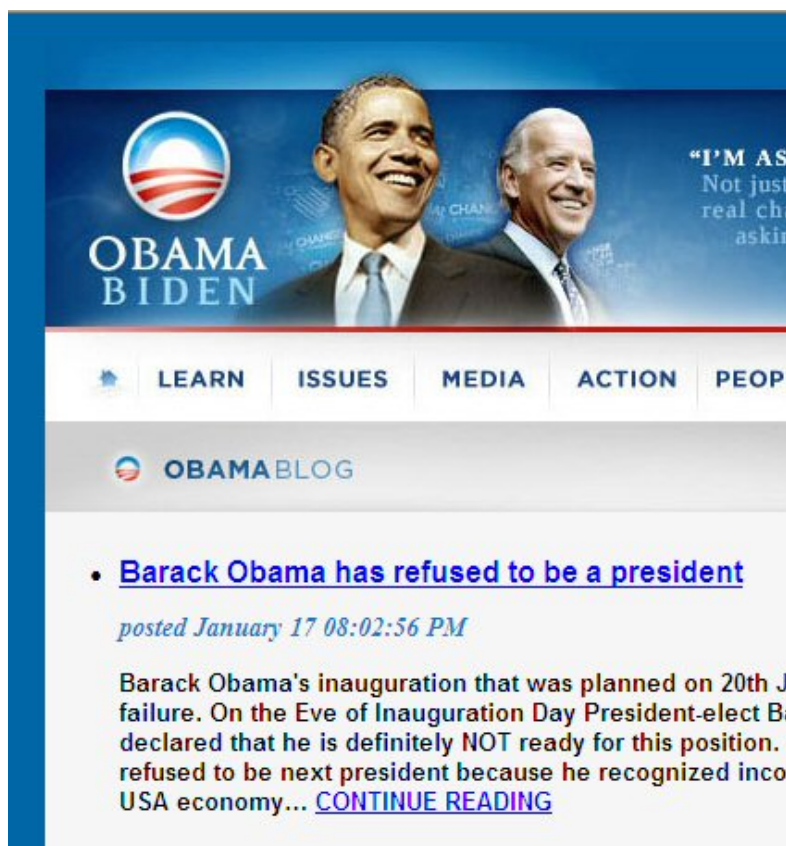**COT** Commonwealth Office of Technology

## COT Security Alert - Emails Using Sensationalism to Infect

The COT Security Administration has been alerted by McAfee Avert Labs of emails circulating using sensationalism and the change in presidency as a social engineering technique to lure recipients of the email into clicking on links that will take them to an apparently legitimate website such as the one shown below. The user's PC may then infected by **W32/Waledac.gen.b** or other malware. These malicious sites may also be found on Internet searches.

Users are advised to use caution and to follow the Enterprise Internet and Electronic Mail Acceptable Use Policy found at http://technology.ky.gov/epmo/enterprise_policies.htm . Users are advised never to click on links in unexpected emails.

More information may be found at http://www.avertlabs.com/research/blog/.

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